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SUBJ: OCEAN SHIPPING: GOT RESTRICTIONS

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1. GOT ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF TREASURY, GUVEN, HAS
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PROMISED TO MEET WITH ACTING DCM LATER THIS WEEK (THURSDAY

OR FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS STATUS OF GOT SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS IN LIGHT OF GUVEN'S DISCUSSIONS WITH WASHINGTON OFFICIALS LAST WEEK (REFTEL). GUVEN SAID HE COULD NOT RPT NOT MEET WITH ADCM ANY EARLIER BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO CATCH UP WITH URGENT MATTERS WHICH AWAITED HIM ON HIS RETURN TO ANKARA AND BECAUSE HE MUST CHAIR MEETINGS WITH VISITING CHAIRMAN OF TURKISH AID CONSORTIUM.

2. SHIPPING INDUSTRY SOURCE INFORMED AMCONGEN ISTANBUL OFFICER THAT MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED GOT AGENCIES DID TAKE PLACE ON SEPT 9 AND 10 AND THAT DECISION WAS MADE THAT GOT COULD NOT CHANGE COMMUNIQUE OR RESCIND THEM AT THE MOMENT BECUASE DECISION HAD BEEN MATTER OF HIGHER GOVERNMENT POLICY. NEVERTHELESS, CONSENSUS OF THE MEETING WAS THAT TURKISH SHIPPING LINES SHOULD BE ASKED NOT TO PRESS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF COMMUNIQUE FOR TIME BEING. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, MEETING CONCLUDED THAT NO RPT NO ACTION SHOULD BE CONTEMPLATED IN TURKEY UNTIL MATTER HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AT EUROPEAN SHIPPING MEETING, WHICH EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS SHORTLY. SOURCE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT SEPT 9-10 MEETING CONSIDERED THAT ACTION BY GOT TO RESCIND COMMUNIQUE MIGHT DEPEND ON DECISION BY US CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO EMBARGO ON MILITARY SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY.

3. EMBASSY THUS FAR HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES INFORMATION REGARDING SEPT 9-10 MEETING REPORTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE. SEVERAL TURKISH OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER PREVIOUSLY ARE STILL OUT OF ANKARA. HAZAR, DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IS EXPECTED RETURN IN DAY OR SO, AND WE PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AGAIN WITH HIM AS WELL AS WITH GUVEN.

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